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## Intelligence of Dogs

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In the early settlement of this country when the forests were infested with wild animals, the pioneers found it as much important to keep a number of dogs as to keep other varieties of domestic animals; for without dogs they soon learned that they could not protect their hogs from the onslaughts of bears; the depredations upon their sheep by wildcats, catamounts and prowling bands of wolves. Besides the protection afforded by the faithful dogs in preventing the wholesale destruction of the farm animals, they were equally valuable in aiding their owners in keeping their smokehouses and pantries supplied with fresh meats from the forests.

The experienced hunters soon learned that they must keep a variety of dogs. If they desired to protect their flocks of sheep from wolves, none were more trusty than large curs, or if they desired to chase a bear into his den or up a tree where he might be brought down by the ball from the old flint-lock rifle, none could surpass the small dog in efficiency. The small dog would snap the bear from behind and then escape, before the bear could alap him with his paw or grasp him in his arms; and after having an experience of one chase, if the dog succeeded in coming out unhurt, he then had an enviable reputation in the surrounding country as a fine bear dog; and thereafter he was sought to accompany the neighbors in a bear hunt. Large dogs were too often disposed to come too closely to the bear in making the attack, and would either receive a box which would disable him so that he would desist from further service, or would find himself in the iron grasp of the bear's huge arms and his lifeless form soon stretched out on the ground. But in chasing the deer the hound far exceeded any of his kindred type.

On one occasion John Hodges was the owner of two deer hounds which possessed almost human intelligence. They were so fond of the sport that they did not have to be told to go into the forest to seek the object of their prey, but would go alone and after being gone for a short time, their master would hear them in pursuit of a fleeing deer. If he had sufficient time he would take down his flint-lock rifle from the rack and hasten to a deer stand near the stream on which he lived or one on a ridge near by, and if the deer chanced to pass his way he would drop him to the ground, then he would have a supply of fresh venison for a time.

On one cold November morning Mr. Hodges left his home to go to the house of a neighbor who lived some distance away, but before making his departure he had not observed that his two hounds were missing. While Mrs. Hodges was washing the dishes from the breakfast table and putting her cabin in order, one of the hounds approached, tired and water dripping from his body, and as he reached the door-step he shook himself vigorously, then he walked toward Mrs. Hodges with a pleasing countenance as though he wanted to speak and communicate something to her, then he would walk to the door and look in the direction from which he came, and after repeating this several times he gently took hold of her dress and pulled toward the door. Being convinced that the hound must have some object in view, she concluded to follow him and see what it meant, so she turned and took the old rifle from its rack, when the dog pranced about her and

## Watauga Court Proceedings

Following is a list of cases disposed of since last report. Cases on the civil docket which have been disposed of will be found on another page.

State vs. Joe J. Potter, transferred to civil issue docket, question of title having arisen.

State vs. Cecil Cretcher, larceny, guilty, prayer for judgment, prayer continued on payment of cost, defendant entering title bond in the sum of \$500 to appear at each term of court for five years to show good behavior.

State vs. Mrs. Jack South, retailing, not guilty.

State vs. Alice Craig, keeping bawdy house, not guilty.

State vs. Henry Coffey, failing to keep roads in lawful condition, not guilty.

State vs. G. W. Eggers, trespass, guilty, fined \$50 and cost.

State vs. G. W. and J. C. Eggers, affray, not guilty as to J. C. Eggers, guilty as to G. W. Eggers, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Hill Prestwood and Roger Robbins, resisting officer, not guilty as to Prestwood Robbins, guilty as to Roger Robbins, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Bob Honeycutt, a. d. w., guilty, four months on roads.

State vs. Hub Wagner, c. c. w., pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Bynum Norris, a. d. w., not guilty.

State vs. Robt. L. Wall, verdict of manslaughter returned and sentenced to three years and six months in penitentiary.

State vs. Robey Wilson, c. c. w., not guilty.

State vs. N. N. Ford, enters plea of nolo contendere, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Chas. Proffett and Luther Bingham, a. d. w., plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Chas. and Will Fletcher, disturbing religious congregation, not guilty as to Charles Fletcher, not pros as to Will Fletcher.

State vs. Will Jackson, selling votes, not pros with leave until after next election, to be replaced on docket should he be guilty of same offense again.

State vs. Ed. Williams, buying

seemed to be more pleased than ever. After getting into the yard the hound started off in the direction of a deep pool in the stream only a few hundred yards from the cabin, with Mrs. Hodges following him. Upon reaching the pool she observed the other hound, which had been left on guard, standing on a rock at the edge of the water with water dripping from his body and with his eyes fixed upon some object in the deep water. She soon observed an immense deer near a large rock under the opposite bank, with its body in the water and its nose slightly elevated so he could get his breath. Mrs. Hodges then realized that the dogs had chased the deer to this pool and that they could not get him out without assistance, and that they left one on guard while the other sought the assistance of his master. Mrs. Hodges took deadly aim at the head of the mammoth deer and soon the bullet went crashing through its brain.

About the time the life of the animal had become extinct and Mrs. Hodges, with the assistance of the two hounds, had succeeded in floating the lifeless form to the bank, Mr. Hodges appeared upon the scene, and he and his wife soon had the animal dressed and the fresh venison stored away in his smokehouse.

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votes, not pros with leave until after next election, to be replaced on docket should he be guilty of same offense again.

State vs. Sam Greene, pleads guilty of retailing, judgment suspended on payment of cost and entering into bond in sum of \$500 for his appearance at court at each term for five years.

State vs. Noah Carroll, retailing, four cases, not pros in two, pleads guilty in two, fined \$50 and cost in each.

State vs. Charles Proffett, perjury, not pros.

State vs. Will Taylor, cruelty to animals, not guilty.

State vs. Walter Lusk, transferred to civil issue docket.

State vs. Will Carroll, Lottie Carroll, Maggie Carroll and John Hodges, retailing, guilty, 1 year on roads as to Will Carroll and John Hodges, judgment suspended on payment of cost as to Lottie and Maggie Carroll.

State vs. W. W. Randall, retailing, pleads guilty, judgment suspended on payment of cost and entering into \$500 bond for his appearance at each term of court for five years.

State vs. LaFayette Fox, c. c. w., a. d. w., and disturbing religious congregation, 3 cases, 30 days on roads in each case.

State vs. Eugene Triplett, retailing, prayer for judgment, prayer continued on payment of cost and entering into \$500 bond for his appearance at each term of court for five years.

State vs. Joe H. Shook, 2 cases, c. c. w. and disturbing religious congregation, judgments suspended in each case on payment of cost.

State vs. Frank Moody, Clyde Greene, assault, plead guilty, each fined \$10 and cost.

State vs. Robt. Hartley, a. d. w., pleads guilty, fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. J. B. Fox, forgery, enters plea of nolo contendere, prayer for judgment, prayer continued, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

## Skin Salaries

It is not a generally known historical fact that from 1774 to 1784 territory now known as Tennessee formed a part of North Carolina, and that in 1785 the Tennesseans, becoming dissatisfied with their government, organized a State government under the name of "Frankland," which was maintained for some years. The State thus organized was afterward disbanded and Territorial Tennessee was again annexed to North Carolina, says a recent writer on the subject.

In 1838, in a speech by Daniel Webster on the currency, he gave the following as among the laws passed by the legislature of the State of Frankland:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Frankland, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from January 1, 1780, the salaries of this commonwealth be as follows:

"His Excellency, the Governor, per annum, 1,000 deerskins.

"His Honor, the Chief Justice, per annum, 500 deerskins.

"The Treasurer of the State, 450 raccoon skins.

"Each county clerk, 500 beaver skin.

"Justices' fee for signing a warrant, one muskrat skin.

"To the constable for serving a warrant, one mink skin.—Mine Workers' Journal.

The Eskimos have solved the problem of paying doctors. The physician is paid when he arrives. If the patient recovers he keeps the fee, but if he fails to cure he returns it to the family.

## SALE OF REAL ESTATE FOR TAXES

At 1 o'clock on Monday, July 5, 1915 at the court house door in Boone, N. C., I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, pursuant to the laws of North Carolina, all the lands in Watauga county on which taxes for the years 1913 and 1914 have not been paid, a list of which lands to be sold and the amount of taxes due thereon, with costs added, as required by Sec. 2883, Revisal 1905, is as follows:

**BLAD MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP**  
For 1913

winebarger, w. t. 5 acres \$3.61  
clawson, c. w. 17 " 1.68  
BEAVER DAM TOWNSHIP, for 1913  
miller, e. b. 184 acres \$43.35

**BLOWING ROCK TOWNSHIP,**  
For 1913 and 1914

carthim, e. j. 10 acres \$18.95  
dancy, l. b. 1 lot 2.95  
emerson, m. r. c. 1 lot 2.95  
martin, m. r. w. a. 1 lot 8.95  
moffitt, geo. 8 acres 4.95  
stringfellow, j. n. 1 lot 2.95  
summerill, d. r. f. 1 lot 4.95  
walls clay heirs, 1 lot 8.45

**BOONE TOWNSHIP, for 1913-'14**

brown, l. a. 1 1-4 acres 1.23  
bentley, g. b. 67 acres \$1.76  
call, j. b. 1 acre 1.45  
davis, w. l. miller, w. s. 1 lot 1.20  
greene corpening, 22 acres 3.20  
horton, h. w. 2 1-2 acres 2.95  
hodges & holclaw, 3-4 acre 1.50  
hagaman, j. r. 100 acres 8.45  
harrison, c. i. 1-4 acre 4.43  
herron, w. t. 68 acres 4.70  
hartzog, w. g. 12 acres, back of John stanberry's 16.35

minton, e. g. 2 lots 2.10  
malby, j. e. 1 lot 10.35  
moody, g. w. 5 acres 2.11  
malby, r. l. 50 acres 5.56

moore, m. r. e. h. 13-4 acres 2.70  
michael, miss carrie, 2 lots 1.95  
norris, j. h. 83 acres 12.56

ray, j. r. 1 lot 1.45  
reitzel, mary g. 1 lot 1.45  
reynolds, a. d. 5 acres 5.35

stinson, f. e. 50 acres 2.45  
todd, w. g. 110 acres 8.45  
winkler, w. l. 118 acres 17.70

grimes, jack, 6 acres 4.80  
horton, cling, 1 lot 3.99  
hagler, h. h. 2 lots 1.73

horton, june, 1 lot 1.73  
lenoir, jerry, 1 lot 2.55  
shearer, bob, 1 lot 7.00

shearer, jack, 20 acres 1.85  
williams, bev, 1 lot 1.85

**BLUE RIDGE TOWNSHIP, 1913-'14**

benson, j. p. 20 acres 1.13  
craig, e. l. 110 acres 6.84

hawkins, john, 224 acres 10.87  
hampton, jessie a. 74 acres 7.07  
harrison, nathan, 65 acres 3.95

hill, j. h. 2 acres 1.90  
long, g. w. 218 acres 21.88  
pendley, j. r. 137 acres 4.01

shore, c. m. 5 acres 1.30  
shore, william, 12 acres 1.13

**COVE CREEK TOWNSHIP, 1913-'14**

davis, m. r. l. n. jr. 36 1-2 acres 6.60

eggers, riley, 2 acres 2.48  
icenhour, w. m. 2 acres 1.85

ballew, geo. 29 acres 13.11  
cline, maggie, 4 3-4 acres 1.70  
eggers, clarence, 10 acres 1.79

greene, m. r. l. 3 acres 1.70  
miller, e. b. 215 acres 16.95  
miller, l. e. 16 acres 2.85

norris, richard c. 23 acres 1.89  
pennell, l. d. 13 1-2 acres 4.49  
mitchell, john. 17 acres 2.18

**SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP 1913-'14**

hubbard, a. l. 48 acres 5.50  
worley, s. p. 227 24.95

This is only a part of the land that will be advertised, the remainder will be advertised as soon as list can be obtained from deputies.

This 28th day of May, 1915  
E. R. EGGER, Ex-Sheriff.

**Land Entry No. 2532**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
Watauga County.

Office of Entry Taker for said county.

M. H. Kay and J. O. J. Potter locate and enter six hundred acres of land in Watauga county, N. C. North Fork township, lying on the head waters of North Fork of New River and Meat Camp creek. Beginning on a small Buckeye tree in or near the branch of J. B. and J. C. Horton's corner, running east with said Horton's line to B. R. Brown's line and to Patterson's line, thence a south course with Patterson's line to Woodring's line, thence a west course with the Woodring, Proffitt, Hardin, Grab and Baydin lines to J. Winebarger's line to Kay and Potter line and Elk Knob Copper Company line, then east with said line to southeast corner of same, then a north course with said line to the beginning so as to include all vacant land lying between the above mentioned tracts.

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